

WJZ-TV
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Station WJZ-TV, licensed to CBS Corporation, is responsive to the principal issues in its community of license, Baltimore, Maryland on a continuing basis. A variety of program elements, including regularly scheduled news and public affairs programming, reports on breaking news events, documentaries, specials, and public service announcements of concern to the community are included within our regular programming service. WJZ-TV's coverage of news stories, our employees' participation in community affairs, and regular interviews with community leaders have led to the determination that the issues listed are ones of importance to the Baltimore community. Our most significant programming, which dealt with current community issues during the preceding three-month period, are set forth in this report. WJZ-TV broadcasts both locally-produced and network programming. Although we include only local programs herein, WJZ-TV also broadcasts several network broadcasts including FACE THE NATION, 60 MINUTES, CBS REPORTS and 48 HOURS.

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CONSUMER WATCH

WJZ reporters cover consumer interest topics. These reports air in the 4pm, 5pm and 6pm newscasts.

HEALTHWATCH

WJZ's reporters discuss health issues and interview experts and patients to deliver information on the latest advances in health for our 4pm, 5pm and 6pm newscasts.

SPECIAL REPORTS

Locally produced special reports, focusing on community issues, local lifestyle trends and local personality profiles. These air in the 4pm, 5pm, 6pm and 11pm newscasts.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS OUTREACH

Relevant projects launched by community organizations to benefit area residents.

ON TIME

A half-hour, Sunday morning public affairs program that airs at 6:30AM, focusing on leaders, issues and events, affecting the Baltimore community.

HEALTH

Eyewitness News

7/2 It's the most popular youth sport in the country, but a new report suggests more and more young players are getting sidelined with soccer injuries.

7/5 In Healthwatch, when it comes to picking the right sunglasses, protecting your eyes from harmful rays should be your top priority.

7/6 In Healthwatch, important information about the long term impact of depression. People who suffer from the disease may nearly double their risk of dementia.

7/7 In Healthwatch, having a positive attitude about coping with your back pain could help you feel better.

7/8 A special four year old girl with a rare condition is getting help right here in Baltimore. Doctors at Johns Hopkins Hospital performed a groundbreaking procedure that could change her life.

7/9 The State Health Department confirms two more heat related deaths in the Maryland, bringing the total to ten for the year.

7/11 Health workers statewide want a report card on how well they performed during the H1N1 outbreak. They're creating focus groups to find out.

7/12 In Healthwatch, snoring may seem annoying but sleep apnea has a hidden health risk for men. A new study finds men with the disorder are more likely to have heart disease.

7/13 A panel of physicians in Gaithersburg is looking into whether a popular diabetes drug is safe for patients. The FDA started a two day hearing today on the future of Avandia.

7/14 In Healthwatch, millions of Americans suffer from acid reflux disease and are struggling to get it under control. A new procedure is now available right here in Baltimore.

7/15 In Healthwatch, a new reason to stay slim after menopause. A study of post-menopausal women shows the more they weigh, the worse their memory.

7/16 In tonight's WJZ Healthwatch, as the summer heats up, so does your risk of dehydration. A new study shows a surprising way to quench your thirst.

7/17 A recent study ranks Maryland among the worst when it comes to bicycling safety. But new research shows the health benefits outweigh the risks.

7/18 It is the height of the lyme and tick season and experts in Anne Arundel County are urging you to guard against the potential dangers.

7/19 In Healthwatch, it's estimated up to 9 thousand people in Baltimore are unaware they have AIDS. That's why hundreds of volunteers are encouraging residents to get tested for free.

7/20 In Healthwatch, an alarming new report about mistakes in diagnosing breast cancer in its earlier stages.

7/21 In Healthwatch, good news for women who want a natural delivery after they've had a C section.

7/22 In today's Healthwatch, Baltimore is one of six cities across the country that's been the most successful in increasing childhood immunization rates.

7/23 There is new advice for cancer patients... stay active. Researchers say they should get as much exercise as the average person.

7/25 Once again, we hit 100 degrees in Baltimore today. The record breaking heat is causing some power outages and it's also leading to a spike in heat related deaths.

7/26 For decades, women have been looking for less invasive ways to permanently prevent pregnancy. Now there's a new type of contraception that can be done in minutes under local anesthesia.

7/27 Medical providers in Washington DC will soon be able to treat patients with marijuana... legally.

7/28 When it comes to CPR less may be better. New research shows mouth to mouth isn't necessary to save a life.

7/29 Bed bugs have made a comeback and the tiny biting insects are causing havoc all over Baltimore.

7/30 In Healthwatch, drinking milk from cows is the norm in the United State but in Europe, donkey milk is catching on.

7/31 In Healthwatch, health officials are already taking a shot at fighting this year's flu virus approving a new vaccine for the upcoming flu season.

8/1 Medical marijuana is now legal in Washington DC. The change has the attention of many Maryland doctors, wondering if the new law could work here.

8/2 Another reason to get a good night's sleep. A new study finds people who sleep fewer than five hours per day were twice as likely to have a heart attack or stroke.

8/3 Elevated cholesterol levels in young adults can be an indicator for future heart disease risk.

8/4 There's a change in how Americans will get their flu shots this year. It could mean less pain and fewer trips to the doctor.

8/5 In Healthwatch, eating spicy foods such as fiery chili peppers could help lower your blood pressure.

8/8 As part of WJZ's continuing community commitment, the Great Prostate Challenge continued this weekend. People could receive free prostate cancer screenings today.

8/9 Baltimore City has one of the highest infant mortality rates in the country. Now there's a push to educate mothers and caretakers on how to keep infants healthy.

8/10 There is a new trend among young girls all over the U.S. A new study finds they are entering puberty at earlier ages than they have in the past.

8/11 In Healthwatch, growing concerns over a new gene that allows any bacteria to become a superbug.

8/12 There's a new patient at Washington County Hospital in Hagerstown, whose vital signs are constantly changing. It depends on how this new robot is programmed. The electronic patient is helping to train new nurses.

8/13 A warning today to swimmers, fishermen and shellfish eaters. They could be exposed to a potentially dangerous bacteria in the bay.

8/14 Baltimore County health officials are spreading the message to get your kids immunized before they go back to school.

8/15 Not only has it been a hot and humid summer, but it's also been an itchy one. Doctors across Maryland are reporting a spike in poison ivy cases.

8/16 A new study finds that ragweed allergies may be toughest for people who also have pet allergies. It may have to do with the double barreled attack on the immune system.

8/17 A new study reveals teenagers have more hearing loss than they did two decades ago.

8/18 In Healthwatch, having a baby with colic is extremely stressful. As a parent, it's heartbreaking to listen to your infant cry for hours for no apparent reason. Now a new study shows there's a possible treatment that could help.

8/19 Three years ago, a 12 year old Maryland boy died after not getting proper dental care. Bacteria from an aching tooth spread to his brain. It's an extreme case, but the boy's death was a wakeup call about getting dental care for those who need it the most.

8/20 The first cases of West Nile Virus have been diagnosed in Maryland. The state Health Department says a Baltimore County adult and a Montgomery County senior are affected.

8/21 A healthy lifestyle starts at home and one East Side neighborhood is trying to spread the word to its residents with a day of family fun.

8/23 Parents beware. Two Baltimore stores have been cited for selling children's jewelry with dangerous levels of lead. In Healthwatch, the dangers lead can pose to children.

8/24 Parkinson's disease is a horrific disease that can cause terrible tremors and eventually causes a person's muscles to go rigid so they can't move. In Healthwatch, Johns Hopkins researchers have been able to stop Parkinson's disease in mice.

8/25 In Healthwatch, a breakthrough in the fight against one of the most deadly forms of cancer. It's a new pill that can offer hope and time to patients with melanoma.

8/26 A team of students at Johns Hopkins University has designed a medical device to help patients with osteoporosis. Their idea went on to win a major competition and their team got the opportunity of a lifetime.

8/27 One in 15 people in the US have asthma but in our nation's inner cities, it's one in four who have the condition that makes it so hard to breathe. In Healthwatch, a researcher at the Johns Hopkins Children's Center has isolated a major reason why.

8/30 A new study shows emergency rooms visits for school age athletes with concussions has skyrocketed in recent years.

8/31 Tonight there are three more ambulances responding to emergencies in northwest Baltimore. They were purchased with private funds and the paramedics are volunteers from Baltimore's Jewish community.

9/2 New research suggests that at least one in seven home kitchens would flunk the kind of health inspection commonly administered to restaurants.

9/3 In tonight's Healthwatch, with childhood obesity skyrocketing, parents are coming up with new ways to keep their kids active using personal trainers.

9/5 There's a major project underway involving area drinking water. The Baltimore City Department of Public Works is trying to ensure quality of the water by covering several local reservoirs.

9/6 In Healthwatch, a new study shows exposure to lead in early childhood may delay puberty in girls.

9/7 Ravens star Ray Rice is gearing up for the first game of the regular season but first he's making a major move off the field to get the city of Baltimore to live healthier.

9/8 There may be a downside to losing weight. A new study found when people drop pounds they also release potentially harmful pollutants into their blood.

9/9 People at an assisted living center in Frederick County are on alert this afternoon after Legionella bacteria is found.

9/10 Johns Hopkins Hospital is playing a major role in the Stand Up to Cancer fight against the disease. New research manipulating DNA is on the cutting edge of the search for a cure.

9/12 He was diagnosed with a disease that doesn't have a cure but that's not stopping a Howard County boy from fighting inflammatory bowel disease using his love of basketball.

9/14 In Healthwatch, researchers may be closer to creating a blood test that can identify Alzheimer's Disease.

9/15 A Stevenson University student is hospitalized after testing positive for bacterial meningitis.

9/17 In Healthwatch, national data has shown a slight yet encouraging drop in teen pregnancies. In Baltimore, the numbers reflect the trends but to make a bigger impact, city leaders outlined a plan to do more.

9/20 In Healthwatch, another reason to get a flu shot. In addition to preventing aches and fever, a new study finds the flu vaccine also lowers the risk of heart disease.

9/21 Overeating may not be the only reason so many American children are obese. New research shows a virus linked to the common cold may be causing children to pack on the pounds.

9/22 New findings about the benefits of playing video games. A study shows playing video games improves vision for adults with a lazy eye.

9/23 State health regulators are investigating another hospital, suspected of performing unnecessary procedures.

9/24 September is Prostate Cancer Awareness Month and clinical trials are underway on an experimental treatment for the disease. In Healthwatch, a report on the minimally invasive treatment.

9/25 An update tonight on a Baltimore County man who received a heart transplant during one of Maryland's record blizzards this year. Now he's coming together with his donor's family to help a common cause.

9/27 In Healthwatch, a new approach to teaching African American men about cardiovascular disease is working. Tonight we have details on a study out of the University of Maryland.

9/28 Each year fifty-five thousand people die from rabies. Today is World Rabies Prevention Day and the Baltimore Health Department is hoping to rid the city of the disease by giving your pet a free vaccination.

9/29 Bed Bugs are becoming a huge problem around the county and right here in Maryland. This week the city held the first of several scheduled community forums about bed bugs.

9/30 In Healthwatch, a new study is shedding light on attention deficit hyperactivity disorder and it should take some of the pressure off parents.

ON TIME

July 4: Kai Jackson talks with David Shippee, CEO of Chase Brexton Health Services about their expanded role of providing healthcare to disadvantaged populations not traditionally served by mainstream providers. Chase Brexton was originally formed to address the needs of the gay population facing the AIDS crisis in the 1980's.

July 11: Kai Jackson talks with Dr. Wayne Scott Andersen about healthy eating and lifestyle changes. He discusses the need for portion control, eating natural foods vs. processed foods and the danger of sodas with high fructose corn syrup that elevate blood sugar levels. Without lifestyle changes, Dr. Andersen says that diets won't succeed in keeping the pounds off.

July 18: The Baltimore City Cancer Program has been screening city residents for various forms of cancer since 2001. Shana Ntiri is the new medical director and she envisions the program continuing along the same mission – to get more low income residents in for color rectal, breast, cervical and prostate cancer screenings. Rhonda Silva tells Kai Jackson how the program works to gain the trust of residents who are often skeptical of the benefits of early detection. They work to correct many myths about cancer.

July 25: Lyme Disease is on the rise in Maryland. Dr. John Aucott, founder of the Lyme Disease Research Foundation and Phil Kenney, founder of the Kenney Family Foundation discuss how lyme disease is transmitted from deer ticks and the symptoms that occur after a tick bite. Phil Kenney discusses how the disease can cause debilitation especially if it's not diagnosed in the early stage and treated with a specific antibiotic.

August 15: Nancy O'Connor, the regional director for the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, discusses the new statewide initiative to get children who do not have healthcare coverage enrolled in free or low-cost programs offered in partnership between the federal and state governments. She tells Kai Jackson what the eligibility requirements are for a family of four and why it's important that children get covered.

August 15: The League for People with Disabilities has been providing services to both children and adults for 83 years. David Greenberg, their CEO, tells Kai Jackson about the after school programs for children with autism and how the indoor swimming pool is used for therapy for people of all ages and all types of disabilities.

August 22: Dr. Armando Sardi and his patient, Helen Szablya, discuss Peritoneal Carcinomatosis, a rare form of cancer found in the abdomen that is treated by heating chemotherapy drugs to 107 degrees before inserting it into the chest cavity. They tell Kai Jackson what symptoms lead up to a diagnosis and why the treatment is still considered by the health insurance industry to be experimental.

September 5: After 21 year old Nikki Perlow died from an accidental drug overdose her family started a foundation named in her honor to help others in her situation deal with addiction. Father Cliff Perlow tells Kai Jackson how the foundation has been able to help others both the addict and the families confront the addiction through grants to recovery programs. He discusses the upcoming Baltimore Party in the Park that will help fund the foundation's mission.

September 12: Breast Cancer affects one in six women and with early detection; more and more women are surviving this disease. Gloria Jetter, the Vice President for the Maryland American Cancer Society tells Kai Jackson about their programs to help cancer patients, families and survivors. She explains how the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer event celebrates the survivors and gives hope to those going through the struggle.

September 19: Prostate cancer affects one in six men and one in 36 succumb to the disease. Kai Jackson talks with Dr. Sandy Siegel and Dr. Daniel Dietrick about their efforts to educate men about prostate cancer through the Great Prostate Cancer Challenge. They discuss how the campaign began in Baltimore 4 years ago and is now being held in 14 cities across the country. Proceeds from the 5K go towards free screenings held at various African American churches in the metro area.

September 19: John Shields, co-owner/chef from Gertrude's at the BMA demonstrates an Eastern Shore style Crab Soup that he will be offering during Dining Out for Life, a fundraiser for Moveable Feast. Ted Blankenship explains how the funds benefit people living with HIV/AIDS and breast cancer. Participating restaurants donate 20-50% of the proceeds from Dining Out for Live on September 23. In addition to this fundraiser, Moveable Feast is also one of several AIDS service providers sponsoring B'More Aware of HIV, The Living Red Ribbon event on October 9 that offers free HIV testing and screening.

September 26: Diabetes is a significant problem in the African American populations and the director of the American Diabetes Association tells Kai Jackson about plans to reach this targeted population. Kathleen Kline, a diabetes supporter, tells of the struggles her father went through after struggling with this disease for over 10 years before dying from complications.

EDUCATION

Eyewitness News

7/1 More than twelve hundred young men and women walked into Alumni Hall at the Naval Academy today to begin their new lives as "Plebes" in the class of 2014.

7/4 New light is shed on a troubled Baltimore City elementary school. According to our media partner, the Baltimore Sun, Gilmor Elementary had a noticeable decline in classroom safety.

7/6 A new study suggests letting your teen sleep in could reap big rewards in the classroom. Researchers found youngsters who started high school at 8:30 in the morning instead of 8:00 were more alert in class and had better moods.

7/8 Some of the produce you've eaten recently may have been grown by Baltimore City students through a program called Great Kids Farm. Now there's a way to help support them.

7/10 New technology developed at a college science competition could soon put blind people behind the wheel. Its years in the making but blind drivers are already test driving the idea.

7/13 Governor Martin O'Malley has announced a new proposal designed to allow more Maryland high school students to take advanced placement exams and earn college credit.

7/14 In a year full of bad news for Catholic school students and their parents, there's some good news. A supporter has put together a new bus program for elementary school students.

7/17 A lucky middle schooler from Maryland got a moment to shine on national TV this morning. Seven art students won the trip of a lifetime to New York City through the Youth Month Art Contest.

7/20 Maryland School Assessment test scores are out tonight for students across the state with mixed results. Progress in some areas and no progress in others.

7/21 It's considered the crown jewel of the NAAC, ACT-SO, an educational competition for high school students around the country. Many of the winners are from right here in Baltimore.

7/22 Maryland education officials are looking into possible testing violations at Abbottston Elementary School.

7/24 A big change in policy for Maryland school exams. Teachers will no longer be able to preview standardized state exams before administering them to students.

7/26 Leith Walk Elementary School has been a major part of the Northeast Baltimore community for more than 50 years but the building is old and overcrowded. Now some multi-million dollar improvements are on the way and parents, students and alumni are celebrating.

7/27 Maryland makes the first cut in a national competition for educational funding that could mean 250 million dollars for schools.

7/28 Maryland has just made the short list of schools eligible to win millions in federal education dollars. In tonight's school watch, how the Race to the Top money will be spent if Maryland wins in September.

7/30 Baltimore City's Department of Recreation and Parks held it's annual Back to School Festival today. Children received school supplies to prepare them for the year ahead.

8/2 One hundred Baltimore middle schoolers played in a mental challenge of Olympic proportions. In Schoolwatch, today wraps up their six weeks of summer learning.

8/5 Hundreds of city students took a hands on approach to learn math and science this summer and they did it with robots. The summer STEM Academy is a way to continue teaching middle grade students while school is out.

8/10 WJZ confirms a popular Baltimore high school principal will now be calling a new school his home. In tonight's school watch report, the principal at Baltimore Polytechnic has a new assignment.

8/11 The Race to the Top program may be under the radar for a lot of folks, but not states competing for billions in federal education grants. Maryland is one of 19 that has made the preliminary cut. In tonight's Schoolwatch the state made a pitch to be a finalist.

8/17 Everyone knows that parents shape the lives of their children but what about their teachers? A new program is designed to get new teachers ready to be an important part of a child's life.

8/18 Maryland students are beating their counterparts across the country when it comes to being prepared for college.

8/19 In Schoolwatch, more than half of the country's African American males are not finishing high school. One local school district is graduating more of those students.

8/20 As Baltimore County schools get set to begin in a little more than a week, principals got a lesson this year's academic goals. In this Schoolwatch report, we look at what new challenges they face.

8/23 A special honor for President Obama here in Maryland. Classes are now in session at the new Barak Obama Elementary School.

8/24 Maryland is one of nine states and the District of Columbia to get money in the four billion dollar Race to the Top school grant competition.

8/25 More than one thousand Johns Hopkins freshmen said goodbye to their parents and are settling into their new dorms today. Moving day comes with excitement and worry.

8/26 After one city school closed its doors, another has opened. Today the brand new Green Street Academy had a makeover. In tonight's Schoolwatch, we explain the unique goals they have for their students.

8/28 A youth celebration in Baltimore kicks the school year off with fun. Students received free school clothes, supplies, food and haircuts.

8/30 Today marked the first day of school for tens of thousands of Maryland students. Some students got special visits from school and local officials.

9/2 Hundreds of students celebrated their brand new school today. Violetville Elementary and Middle School is halfway with their multi-million dollar renovations.

9/3 Despite the down-turned economy, across the country more students have managed to get into college. While community college enrollment is up by 10 percent in many areas, demand is also strong at full four year universities like Loyola here in Baltimore.

9/7 As the Baltimore archdiocese was forced to close more than a dozen schools last year, they opened a brand new school today. Holy Angels Elementary in South Baltimore is the first of more schools to come.

9/9 Congratulations are in order for the five Maryland public schools named National Blue Ribbon Schools by the U.S. Department of Education.

9/13 A lot of children love chips, snacks and sweets, but some schools are re-thinking what they serve for lunch. This week local produce is on the menu at Maryland schools.

9/13 In Schoolwatch, a year long campus celebration begins for one Baltimore County school. This week Notre Dame Prep in Towson adds a major milestone to its history book.

9/14 Enrollment at the Community College of Baltimore County hits new record highs.

9/15 Dr. Jill Biden, wife of Vice President Joe Biden, was in Anne Arundel County today. She was there to stress the importance of education in the nation's community colleges.

9/21 In today's Schoolwatch report, the state school board is considering mandatory environmental education for high school students.

9/23 Morgan State University's library is named for the former president of the school. The state of the art library is a testament to all the hard work of everyone at Morgan.

9/24 Getting children to focus on books is the goal of the Ben Carson Reading Project. The 50th Carson Reading Room opened today in Baltimore County.

9/29 Major changes are in the works for the city's school system. It will affect how teachers will be paid. In tonight's Schoolwatch report, we explain this new proposal.

ON TIME

July 4: Dr. York Bradshaw, the director of Coppin State University computer center, tells Kai Jackson how the new federal stimulus grant is being used to create and operate a new community computer lab. Both Coppin students and community residents will be able to use the computer lab. The lab will be open seven days a week. The Coppin Heights-Rosemont Community is one of the poorest city neighborhoods with few homes having access to a computer or internet.

August 8: Rose Twining, the founder of the Rose of Sharon Equestrian School, tells Kai Jackson how working with horses is therapeutic for children and adults with both physical and intellectual disabilities. Many of their participants are students with autism. The one-on-one program with teacher, horse and student features a tailored program that addresses the students' cognitive challenges.

August 15: The Maryland Teacher of the Year program, now in its 20th year, recognizes the outstanding work of teachers in each of the state's 24 jurisdictions. Dr. Darla Strouse, the executive director of the program, tells Kai Jackson how each jurisdiction selects one top teacher to represent them in the statewide competition. A panel of judges selects the top Maryland teacher to represent the state in the nationwide competition. The announcement of the 2010-2011 Teacher of the Year is made at the awards gala held in October.

September 5: Kai Jackson talks with Dr. Joe A. Hairston, superintendent of Baltimore County Public Schools about the recent announcement of Maryland winning \$250 million in federal Race to the Top funds and how they will use +\$15.4 earmarked for the county. He discusses how the new education reform outlined in Race to the Top is consistent with his 10 year old Blueprint for Progress. He also discusses the recently released national study comparing African American male graduation rates to white male rates. The county exceeds the national average.

ARTS AND CULTURE

Eyewitness News

7/1 Mother Teresa is being honored in Baltimore this week, one month before what would have been her 100th birthday. Some of her relics, including a drop of her blood is on display through tomorrow.

7/2 It's going to be a beautiful night in Baltimore, so how about taking in a movie outside? You can do it at the 12th Annual Little Italy Film Festival.

7/5 As we celebrate our nation's birthday a lot of people in Maryland are feeling patriotic and some are reciting the pledge of allegiance. That's something that happens every day at one landmark in Annapolis.

7/8 If you drive through the Waverly section of Baltimore City, you may notice some bold new artwork. The huge mural on Greenmount and 33rd has been dubbed the "Great Wall of Waverly."

7/11 The world's most popular sport comes to Baltimore. Soccer fans gathered outside at the Inner Harbor today for a free viewing of the 2010 Fifa World Cup final match.

7/14 Space may be the final frontier, but getting there is going to take a new generation of scientists and engineers. It's a summer camp for future rocket scientists.

7/15 The Maryland Zoo in Baltimore just got a few new residents. Zoo officials sent us this new video of two Rock Hyrax babies that were born on Sunday.

7/16 If you like to fish you know there's nothing better than finding some good worms. There's a woman in Fells Point who's an expert at it and she's a fisherman's best friend.

7/17 It was a successful Saturday at Artscape 2010. Thousands of people are pouring into Baltimore for the food, fun, arts and music.

7/18 The 36th annual Native American Festival continues today at the State Fairgrounds in Timonium.

7/20 First Lady Michelle Obama spends the day at Camden Yards. She's teaming up with major league baseball in her fight against obesity.

7/22 It's an end of an era as Baltimore's historic Senator Theater shuts its doors tonight. Future plans for the site are unknown.

7/24 A facelift for an eyesore at the gateway to Hampden. The main park near the Avenue is getting a half million dollar fix up.

7/27 He was the man whose generosity made the Little Italy Film Festival possible. Tonight the neighborhood and the city of Baltimore are mourning the death of John Pente.

7/29 The Baltimore bullet is at it again. Michael Phelps has already won 14 Olympic gold medals... now he's preparing for Nationals and has his sights set on the 2012 Olympic games.

7/30 A record crowd turns out for opening day of the Ravens training camp in Westminster.

7/31 It's a day local soccer fans have been waiting for. The international match between Manchester City and Inter Milan will kick off today and the friendly game brings more than just soccer hype to Baltimore.

8/2 So how do you like your coffee? A lot of people in Pasadena like it at a little shack just off Ritchie Highway where the Java Divas are really heating up.

8/3 A historic discovery at Ground Zero is now being examined by archeologists right here in Maryland.

8/6 Slot machines have arrived at Maryland's first casino and it's now just weeks from opening its doors in Perryville.

8/7 The perfect weather helped draw a huge crowd to M and T Bank Stadium. For the first time in franchise history, the Ravens held a practice in Baltimore and they're hoping to make this an annual event.

8/11 The National Aquarium knows what makes marine life happy and now it takes that knowledge beyond its own walls. The aquarium is now helping fish in the Inner Harbor survive.

8/12 The Ravens pre-season kicks off tonight and the excitement is building especially with fans looking forward to the return of football.

8/13 Once again, many of the finest restaurants in Baltimore are teaming up to offer three course lunches and dinners at a substantial discount. Now some restaurants in the county wanted in on the idea.

8/20 Crabs, crabs and more crabs. They're a Maryland tradition and this year, the harvest from the Chesapeake is better than ever.

8/21 Radio station 106.5 brings The Backstreet Boys to Baltimore Inner Harbor and preparations are well underway today for tomorrow's concert.

8/22 The sport he loves, motocross, left him paralyzed. That might stop most people from returning to it, but Darius Glover isn't most people.

8/23 It's the most famous restaurant guide in the world and you are the reviewers. Its founder was in Baltimore recently and he has a lot to say about the local restaurant scene.

8/25 The Senator Theatre is back in the news as the former owner personally lashes out at the mayor and city officials. The former owner calls it a secret process to wrestle control of the theatre from him.

8/26 The Monocacy Battlefield in Frederick is an important touchstone to the Civil War but beneath the fields, the roots of that war are being unearthed. Archeologists are finding evidence of a slave plantation, very different from the kind usually found in Maryland.

8/27 If you're downtown this weekend you might see some folks walking around in some unusual costumes. Thousands of comic book lovers are converging on Charm City and they're coming from all over the world.

8/28 Right now the Inner Harbor is a bit more crowded. Navy Week starts today giving everyone an opportunity to get an up close and personal look at different naval ships docked in the Inner Harbor.

8/30 The Maryland Zoo in Baltimore is mourning the loss of one of its animals, a female Okapi named Karen.

9/1 One year from now, Baltimore city's Inner Harbor will turn into a world class racetrack. Today the city makes another major announcement adding excitement to the Baltimore Grand Prix.

9/2 The National Aquarium in Baltimore is a nighttime landmark with its neon wave lights. Tonight the wave went modern with a brand new LED version of the sign to kick off the aquarium's 30-year anniversary.

9/3 In the 60's it was Beatlemania fast forward to 2010 and it's now Bieber mania. We're talking about Justin Bieber, the teen sensation who in just hours will invade Maryland and Bieber fever is a good thing for the state.

9/4 For Muslims it is the month of Ramadan, a holy time of year which includes acts of charity. Local Muslims are reaching out amid a national debate over their religion.

9/5 One of the most popular young singers in the country is in Maryland tonight. Justin Bieber just performed at the state fair to a sellout crowd.

9/6 One last summer hurrah as there are just a few hours left for you to head to the State Fair for some food, fun and rides. Tonight we have more on what's been a very successful fair.

9/7 A facelift and a new name for a Baltimore landmark. The Lyric Opera House will soon be called the Patricia and Arthur Modell Performing Arts Center at the Lyric.

9/8 Preparations are underway tonight for the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra's 2010 Gala concert as rehearsals get started.

9/9 Ravens quarterback Joe Flacco is known for his amazing ability and the way he always keeps his cool. But we got more personal with him when we sat down with Joe and asked him what many of you are dying to know.

9/11 At the annual Pigtown Festival, the community came out for the famous running of the pigs and pulled pork sandwiches served up all day long.

9/12 It is Baltimore's oldest holiday, Defenders' Day and it commemorates the successful defense of the city from British attack.

9/14 Nearly 200 years ago, the cornerstone was laid for Baltimore's Washington Monument, the first in the nation. Now some much needed repairs are stirring a controversy.

9/15 A celebration of the life and music of Baltimore native Frank Zappa is set for this weekend.

9/17 The most solemn of the Jewish High Holy days, Yom Kippur begins at sundown tonight.

9/18 The Charm City-Cyclo Cross is riding through Druid Hill Park this morning and the event has brought out some of the best cyclists in the nation.

9/19 To say that the late musician Frank Zappa was original is an understatement. He was an innovator with a style all his own. Today family, friends and fans came out to pay tribute to the legendary Baltimore native.

9/21 Hawaii Five-0 is one of the most recognizable themes in TV history and now a local university hopes its marching band's rendition will bring it some big bucks from CBS.

9/22 Bigger and bolder entertainment that's what the Hippodrome Theater promises for its upcoming season starting next month.

9/23 If you're looking for a good read, Mt Vernon is the place to be this weekend. It's the 15th annual Baltimore Book Festival.

9/24 Have you ever pictured yourself in a Maserati or a Ferrari? You can this weekend at the Inner Harbor. A benefit car show in Baltimore will feature some of the hottest wheels in the world.

9/27 Three days early Maryland's first slot casino is up and running ahead of schedule. We have more on the excitement around the Hollywood Casino in Perryville, Cecil County.

9/28 The Ravens team up with Baltimore's own Under Armour for a very important mission. It's all part of a project to help injured troops overseas.

ON TIME

July 4: Don Scott talks with Dr. Bill Watson and Bill Grimmette about Chautauqua and this year's theme of Beyond Boundaries. Thurgood Marshall, Sacagawea, and Frederick Law Olmstead all exemplified going beyond boundaries and accomplished great things in their lives and times. Each person will be presented by scholar performers who illuminate their subject by portraying a significant occurrence from their history and, in character, answer questions from the audience.

July 25: The Benjamin Banneker Historical Park and Museum is featuring a new exhibition, Stitches in Time, Threads of Change: Maryland Community Quilts. Steven Lee, the director explains to Kai Jackson the importance of the quilts in African American culture and how they were used in the Underground Railroad.

July 25: The principles of engineering, chemistry and physics are brought to life in a fun hands-on exhibit at the Maryland Science Center. Van Reiner, Maryland Science Center director explains to Kai Jackson how some of these science concepts are demonstrated in fun wacky ways including shooting potatoes from a cannon through a wire mesh to make French fries.

August 1: The Eubie Blake National Jazz Institute and Cultural Center has been offering cultural programs ranging from dance, music, and visual arts. Troy Burton, the director of the Eubie Blake Center explains that the center was named in honor of Baltimore's ragtime musician who along with Noble Sissle wrote Shuffle Along. Mark and Tova Baker, founders of the Drum Production Company, provide music instruction at the center in the areas of drums, voice, bass, guitar, piano and songwriting.

August 1: A tribute to Baltimoreans boxer Joe Gans and opera singer Henrietta Vinton Davis is being held at the Eubie Blake Center. Organizers Kevin Grace and Clayton LeBoeuf tell Kai Jackson what made both Joe Gans and Henrietta Vinton Davis, unsung heroes whose stories have not been recognized until now.

August 22: Kai Jackson talks with author & Rhodes Scholar Wes Moore about his book, The Other Wes Moore, and how another young man with the same name, from the same neighborhood and same family situation ended up in prison. The book parallels their lives and includes the pivotal point where the one Wes Moore chose an education while the other chose life on the streets.

August 29: Pennsylvania Avenue was once the cultural center of African American life in Baltimore. Now plans are underway to return this area to its former glory. Jim Hamlin, Jeff Buchheit and John Milton Wesley talk to Kai Jackson about the area that was the home of Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall and other civil rights leaders and featured Billie Holliday to Cab Calloway performing at the Royal Theater.

August 29: Toyy Glover, a park ranger at Ft. McHenry, tells Kai Jackson about the upcoming Defender's Day celebration. He discusses the importance of Baltimore in the War of 1812 and how a living re-enactment of the battle is part of the Star-Spangled Banner Weekend celebration.

September 12: Kai Jackson talks with J. Howard Henderson and actor/director Charles "Roc" Dutton about his upcoming fundraiser for the Greater Baltimore Urban League. Charles Dutton talks about growing up in East Baltimore, dropping out of school, getting involved with street violence and doing prison time before turning his life around after reading a book featuring plays by African American playwrights. He talks about that turning point in his life and how he hopes that will inspire others to change their lives.

September 12: Vince Lancisi and Ian Tresselt talk with Kai Jackson about the 20th season of plays at Everyman Theatre. They discuss what sets Everyman apart from other local theatres and how they employ professional actors, set designers, lightening directors from the local area. In November they begin renovation on their new home in the Town Theatre which they hope to complete prior to their 21st season.

September 12: Adrienne Jones, the founder of the Baltimore County African American Cultural Festival tells Kai Jackson about this year's event taking place at Towson Courthouse Square. This event highlights the county's historical African American Communities and showcases local entertainers.

COMMUNITY

Eyewitness News

7/2 Baltimore's Harborplace celebrates its 30th birthday with a day full of fun for families.

7/3 Many Marylanders love a good crab cake and that brought out lots of people to Phillips Seafood at the Inner Harbor for an old fashioned crab cake eating contest.

7/4 Thousands flocked to the Inner Harbor tonight for an entertaining show featuring Independence Day fireworks and a performance by the Navy Band.

7/8 Speeding can be dangerous, even at 25 or 30 miles per hour. The Smooth Operator Pedestrian Safety Campaign wants to remind everyone to keep their cool when driving in the summer heat.

7/9 An update to a story about dozens of neglected horses rescued in Garrett County. An unlikely group of women, female inmates, are now helping to rehabilitate the animals and it's all about second chances.

7/12 A big honor for a Howard County community. Money Magazine has named the Ellicott City/Columbia area the second best place to live in the nation.

7/13 A bombing in Uganda injures a Maryland teenager and kills dozens. The terror attack thousands of miles away led a Towson business to spring into action helping victims of the bombing.

7/14 Olympic gold medalist Michael Phelps jumped into a pool today to teach some city children how to swim.

7/16 If you're fascinated with sharks and dolphins, and love all things aquatic, then the National Aquarium has a party for you. All you need for this event is a sleeping bag.

7/19 A reopening a year in the making is finally complete. The Suburban House, a popular Pikesville restaurant is open again at its new location.

7/20 A big victory for slots opponents in Anne Arundel County. A ruling today in the Maryland Court of Appeals means voters will get their say.

7/21 Seafood and politics as the spotlight of Campaign 2010 focuses on the small Eastern Shore town of Crisfield. Both candidates for governor try to win over voters at the famous Crisfield Crab and Clam Bake.

7/23 Their story was made into a best-selling book and an Oscar winning movie now the couple behind “The Blind Side” made a special appearance in Baltimore tonight.

7/24 A group of Baltimore City children got some help from the Ravens today at the official re-opening of the Boys and Girls Club on Park Heights Avenue.

7/26 M&T Bank Stadium undergoes a transformation today from the home of the Ravens to an International soccer venue. This morning preparations got underway for this weekend’s Fifa exhibition game.

7/27 A big honor for Maryland’s most popular beach destination. The Ocean City boardwalk has been named one of the country’s ten best boardwalks by Sherman Travel.

7/28 Call it the wave of the future. The blue lights on the National Aquarium in Baltimore’s Inner Harbor are going green.

7/30 Thirty Baltimore City students are spending their summer at camp but there’s no tents involved here... it’s all about singing the classics at Opera Camp.

8/3 Their mission is clear. Gather a community together to change their image from a neighborhood of crime to a safe place to live. It’s the Park Heights Festival.

8/4 A West Baltimore neighborhood is hoping the proposed red line will bring jobs and economic growth to the area. Today the community kicked off a campaign right in front of the infamous “road to nowhere.”

8/5 More fallout from a landmark ruling in California where a federal judge overturned that state’s ban on same sex marriage. It’s a ruling that one day could influence marriage laws everywhere. Tonight more on a local group working to get laws changed here in Maryland.

8/6 If you like steamed crabs then Annapolis is the place to be this evening. The world’s largest crab feast is about to begin thanks to the Rotary Club of Annapolis.

8/7 For city police and the Charles Village community the mission is the same - to improve neighborhood safety. That was the topic of discussion at a meeting tonight.

8/8 As we approach another hot week of summer weather, many Baltimore City residents will have to look elsewhere for relief. That’s because all outdoor city pools are closing for the season. Budget shortfalls are to blame.

8/9 Ever since Elvis was stolen from the Happy Day Diner in Rosedale, WJZ has been following the story. Two weeks ago, the 7-foot fiberglass statue was found in a cemetery. Now, the king is finally back on top.

8/11 Good news today about five Baltimore city park pools that closed last weekend. Thanks to more than 500-thousand dollars in donations, the pools can stay open until Labor Day.

8/12 After much consideration the national headquarters of the NAACP will stay here in Baltimore.

8/13 It may be just the pre-season but purple pride has come to life in Baltimore. The Ravens came away with a win last night.

8/17 A biotech facility expands and brings more jobs to Frederick County. Governor O’Malley tours Fisher Bio-Services as part of his jobs across Maryland campaign.

8/18 A push to help more Maryland children tonight. Stories of success in the state’s foster care system have administrators hoping to encourage more Marylanders to open their homes.

8/19 Injured and sick dogs receive thousands of pints of blood every year and one of the foremost blood banks is in Maryland. But this unique facility needs financial contributions to stay open.

8/21 Sixteen year old Emily Kerstetter of Ellicott City was injured in a terror attack in Uganda last month and is still recovering at Johns Hopkins hospital. Now her friends are holding a swim a thon to raise funds to help her.

8/23 As the 5th anniversary of Hurricane Katrina nears, memories of the chaotic aftermath are sure to surface. Many of them will be re-lived right here in Maryland by the volunteers who rushed in to help.

8/24 On the field he is protected by men twice his size, but on the streets Baltimore Ravens running back Ray Rice knows he's as vulnerable as any of us to the deadly potential of a drunk driver. Tonight Rice joined state officials in kicking off a massive plan to arrest drunk drivers and save lives.

8/25 Two beams of charred metal from the World Trade Center are about to go up in Anne Arundel County where a 9-11 memorial is being built in Millersville.

8/26 The Angelos name is well known in Maryland for ownership of the Baltimore Orioles. Now Peter Angelos will see his parents' names on a new University of Baltimore Law Center.

8/27 It's a perfect weekend for the kick off of the Maryland State Fair. All the fun started today and here's a look at what you can expect.

8/28 The down economy is now affecting animals. Family pets are being handed over for adoption at an unprecedented rate.

8/29 More high tech parking meters are coming to Baltimore City streets. This week the Board of Estimates approved adding several dozen digital machines to some of the city's most visited neighborhoods.

8/31 This year, twenty cities around the country are playing host to the US Navy for a week of activities. This week it's Baltimore's turn. One of those activities involves turning two vacant lots into parks.

9/2 Another big distinction for Howard County tonight. Another magazine names Ellicott City as one of the top ten best places to raise a family.

9/3 A major announcement from the National Aquarium in Baltimore. It's refocusing its mission by launching a conservation center where the focus will be on education and research.

9/5 Today in Lutherville, car enthusiasts revved up their engines in the name of fighting cancer.

9/6 Dozens of firefighters, police officers and paramedics are running through Maryland on a "Tour of Duty" honoring first responders on September 11th.

9/7 It's back to school time for students across the region and many of them in need of school supplies got some help today from Ravens star Ray Lewis.

9/8 Turning up the heat on slots. The dispute over a casino near Arundel Mills will be settled by referendum in the November election. But there's a lot of ground to cover between now and then and supporters hit the ground today.

9/9 Harford County is beefing up the area in the county with the worst crime. More resources are heading into the Edgewood area along Pulaski Highway.

9/11 Several memorials were held to honor the lives lost on September 11th, 2001 including a special ceremony in Reisterstown.

9/15 A very large drop into a very large bucket. That's one way of looking at an ambitious plan to reduce nitrogen pollution in the bay from a mega-sewage treatment plant.

9/17 You've heard the expression walking on water. On Sunday in Baltimore you'll have a chance to walk under the water. It's the second annual Fort McHenry Tunnel Run and it's all for a good cause.

9/18 Maryland's oyster growing program is expanding. The Department of Natural Resources and the oyster recovery partnership brought oyster cages to the Magothy River in Pasadena.

9/20 One year later it's a date the Dundalk community won't soon forget. A 6-foot water main burst, flooding homes and destroying a section of Broening Highway. Now we re-visit those affected and find out how they re-built.

9/22 If you don't have dinner plans for tomorrow night, we have a suggestion... make a reservation at a Baltimore area restaurant and at the same time help others... it's Moveable Feast's Dining Out for Life event.

9/23 In less than three months patients will be moving in to the new Mercy Medical Center building. After three years and 370 million dollars, we got a look at the facility's progress.

9/25 Prescription drugs are quickly becoming a drug of choice for criminals who steal and sell them. Tonight Maryland was part of a nationwide effort to get rid of prescriptions safely and keep them off the streets.

9/27 More than 3000 people came out this weekend to support the 4th Annual Great Prostate Cancer Challenge 5-K. The event raised \$215,000 from nearly two thousand runners.

9/28 A hole in downtown's commercial district is being filled. The 35 story skyscraper vacated by Legg Mason last year is now the Transamerica Tower.

9/29 In most school districts big yellow buses pick up the children, but in Baltimore, tens of thousands of students hop aboard an MTA bus on its regular route. Now the MTA is asking the students to help them improve their service.

9/30 Honoring Maryland basketball Coach Gary Williams in a ceremony at the Hippodrome Theater. The top Terp was inducted into the Maryland Hall of Legends.

ON TIME

July 18: Kai Jackson talks with Luwanda Jenkins, the special secretary of the Governor's Office of Minority Affairs about the state's minority business enterprise program. Secretary Jenkins discusses how her agency assists other state agencies in allocating 25% of all contracts to women-owned and minority firms as well as working with these private sectors businesses who want access to state contracts. Businesses regulated by the Maryland Public Service Commission are also adopting the state's 25% goal of MBE participation.

July 18: The Y of Central Maryland has a new mentoring program they are launching. Michelle Cuebas and Ashley Norris tell Kai Jackson that the mentoring program is in need of caring adults who will be assigned to young people who have been referred to the program as being "at-risk". To entice volunteers, the Y is offering a free one year membership for both the adults and their mentees. The mentoring program takes place at the Y and the Y staff is available as back up to the mentors.

August 1: Kai Jackson talks with Joann Levy about the programs of the Women's Housing Coalition. She explains that they provide shelter for up to 99 women and 40 children at nine city locations. She discusses the conditions that cause women and children to become homeless and how her organization provides case workers to assist each woman with a plan to return them to independence.

August 1: Alvin Gillard, director of the Community Relations Commission, tells Kai Jackson how race relations appear to be calm on the surface but underneath tensions between different groups are building. He cites the recent news about the USDA official who was fired for racial comments that were taken out of context and then rehired when the administrators realized

their haste to judge the situation. He discusses that the International Festival and the Civil Rights Breakfast are forums to bring together people from different cultures.

August 8: Kai Jackson talks with the President and CEO of the Associated Black Charities, Diane Bell McKoy, about the effect the recession is having on the African American community. Specifically hit the hardest is the Black Middle Class according to Ms. McKoy who suffer from double-digit unemployment rates coupled with a high percentage of home foreclosures. The majority of Black wealth comes from housing – these factors are devastating the financial advances made by the Black middle class.

August 8: Morgan State University is the site for the 4th Annual Women’s Conference according to event planner Danielle Johnson who discusses how the number of African American female owned businesses is increasing. She discusses the types of workshops geared to the beginning entrepreneur to the season business owner.

September 5: Keeping siblings together in foster care is the goal of the Neighbor to Family program. Donna McCarter, executive director of the Baltimore program and board member Ackneil Muldrow talk with Kai Jackson about the success rate that Neighbor to Family has in placing up to 95 siblings into a permanent foster care family. They discuss their upcoming luncheon honoring the Jones siblings and how the proceeds are used to buy personal items for the foster care children.

September 19: The Girl Scouts use their cookie sales to develop leadership and entrepreneur skills to prepare them for the business world. Girl Scout Juanita Jones tells Kai Jackson about her Gold Award project – the Girl Scouts highest honor – to educate her family and friends about diabetes and how healthy eating and exercise can help ward off the disease. Girl Scout board member Laura Pierson-Scheinberg discusses how this project is an example of the types of programs that the 100 year old scouting program offers to today’s girls.

CONSUMER

Eyewitness News

7/1 Enjoy the Fourth of July holiday in Baltimore this weekend, but if you get tipsy, take a taxi for free.

7/2 Problems continue to plague Maryland’s rail riders. Now Congressman Dutch Ruppersberger is bringing a “Commuters’ Bill of Rights” to Washington.

7/5 The deadline for applying for financial aid related to the February blizzard is tomorrow. Federal money is available to certain non-profits for emergency work and to replace or repair damaged facilities.

7/6 Governor Martin O’Malley is touring the state with his “Jobs Across Maryland” program and today’s stop is Under Armour, right here in Charm City.

7/7 It’s no surprise, but the heat wave is taxing the power grid. Now regional power companies are asking you to conserve.

7/8 Safety experts are urging parents to install window blocks and guards to prevent small children from opening windows.

7/9 The average price of homes in the Baltimore area sees its biggest jump since 2007.

7/10 The Chesapeake Bay Foundation files a federal lawsuit against the owners of a Sparrows Point steel plant. The lawsuit claims the plant has illegally discharged hazardous waste of the past few decades.

7/12 Unemployment doesn’t discriminate and thanks to federal stimulus funds, some Marylanders are working. Today Maryland lawmakers saw its progress.

7/13 BGE is making a renewed push to install those so-called Smart Meters in local homes.

7/14 If you recently received a tax bill from Baltimore City, you’ll want to double check it... it may be very wrong.

7/15 Maryland's job market is getting a big boost, thanks to federal stimulus money. GM in White Marsh has received more than \$100,000 to increase production, adding hundreds of jobs.

7/16 In today's Consumer watch report, there's another food recall to tell you about. This time the FDA is issuing a voluntary recall on bags of "Fresh Express" romaine lettuce.

7/18 There's more federal funding on the way for the Chesapeake Bay. The money will help support research on micro-organisms.

7/19 Celebrity Cruise Lines announced it is canceling winter cruises from Baltimore starting in the 2011-2012 season.

7/20 Before long parents you'll be thinking about back to school shopping. Maryland is once again offering a tax free shopping week in August.

7/21 Candidates running for office in Maryland are being urged to support a new tax that would make your next drink more expensive.

7/22 A Maryland court awards \$700,000 dollars to an Ellicott City woman who lost her home and now she's warning other homeowners facing foreclosure to be on guard for foreclosure rescue schemes.

7/23 Safety concerns are prompting a growing number of states like Maryland to focus on mobile phone use by drivers behind the wheel. A new technology called the Wireless Assistant helps keep hands on the wheel and eyes on the road.

7/24 Baltimore city's controversial bottle tax begins tomorrow. All beverages delivered to retailers will be subject to the two cent tax.

7/25 Baltimore's hotly debated container tax officials went into effect today.

7/26 Baltimore city's controversial beverage tax is now in effect but those against the tax continue to speak out.

7/27 Fifty-million pounds is how much trash Baltimore City has recycled in the first year of its curbside recycling collection.

7/28 A multi-million dollar settlement. A city jury awards more than 34 million dollars in damages following a carbon monoxide incident.

7/29 A nationwide survey shows that more beaches are being closed because of pollution but the Delmarva Peninsula is home to some of the cleanest waters in the country.

8/1 More cuts to recycling collections in Baltimore. Last year it was reduced to once a week everywhere except downtown. Now the whole city is part of the one plus one program.

8/2 A new eye-opening survey about distracted driving and teens. The majority admit to driving while taking their eyes off the road.

8/3 Get your back to school supply list ready, it's time for tax-free shopping week.

8/4 Getting the freshest food for the best nutrition has made farmer's markets a growth industry in Maryland. Now a pilot program is making it more affordable for those who need assistance.

8/5 BWI Airport has some of the cheapest flights in the country. In a new government report, BWI ranked 16th cheapest.

8/6 You probably cross a bridge once or twice a day. Tonight the people who build and maintain those bridges including those in Maryland are calling on the federal government to start reading its own studies and find money for fixes.

8/7 The Charm City Circulator is really doing its job and circulating riders all over Baltimore. City transportation officials say the free shuttle posted more than 160,000 boardings in July.

8/8 It's tax free shopping week in Maryland. It can help with your back to school shopping.

8/10 It's slow going for the housing market in the Baltimore metro area.

8/11 After months of anticipation, Baltimore residents get their first taste of Sonic. Today the restaurant opened its first Maryland store this side of the Bay Bridge.

8/12 More people in Maryland are looking for a job now than at nearly any other point in history. But dozens began collecting a paycheck for the first time in months today as a new Chik-fil-a opened its doors.

8/13 New federal funds will help improve roads near Maryland's most-traveled military facilities.

8/14 Every summer weekend, an average of 54 million Americans pull their lawn mowers out to cut the grass. The trouble is, the gas fumes account for 5 percent of this country's air pollution. Now the state is paying people to turn in their dirty gas mowers.

8/16 At a time when many businesses are seeing a record number of applicants, the National Park Service has a dire shortage of rangers. But the agency has a way to boost its numbers.

8/17 With reports of bed bug infestations climbing, a warning about getting rid of them. Using the wrong pesticide could be worse than the bugs.

8/18 With Louisiana's shrimp season back on track, the effects of that catch will soon be coming ashore here in Maryland and that's already bringing a feeling of relief.

8/19 Free of charge - new back packs for 500 Baltimore City students headed back to school.

8/20 Two businesses are in trouble with the city health department today for selling jewelry that contains lead.

8/22 Ocean City Maryland is hoping the "Restaurant Week" concept will work again but this time it's the first ever "Hotel Week."

8/23 New federal numbers show the recession is overstaying its welcome in Maryland, with a big jump in bankruptcy filings.

8/24 Another disturbing sign the economy may not be turning around after all - home sales here in Maryland and across the nation are plummeting.

8/26 Baltimore's Board of Estimates votes to spend nearly 600-thousand dollars to buy dozens more solar powered parking meters.

8/28 A meat company recalls 85-hundred pounds of contaminated ground beef -some of it sold in Maryland.

8/29 Dismal new home sales are putting a damper on the national economy. But here in Baltimore sales are doing a bit better... in fact, some experts think now is still the time to buy.

8/30 There is concern that an effort to help improve the Severn River might do more harm than good. It involves the Army Corps of Engineers, oysters and slag.

8/31 Just in time for Labor Day, gas prices are on the way down. The Automobile Association of Maryland d says the decrease will have many Marylanders on the road this long holiday weekend.

9/1 More than 130 people in Carroll County stand to lose their jobs because they work for defense contractor General Dynamics in Westminster.

9/2 Millions in stimulus money is heading to BWI to fix long neglected problems and putting up to 200 people to work. Today we got the behind the scenes tour.

9/3 Now you can shop for your Tiffany treasures in Baltimore County. Tiffany and Company opened the doors to its first Baltimore area store today at Towson Town Center.

9/4 When pets go missing their owners use flyers, websites and even word of mouth. Now more people are starting to use other dogs in their search.

9/5 Now that Hurricane Earl's out of the picture, thousands of Marylanders are hitting the road this weekend. This year, travel is predicted to be at an all time high.

9/6 The unofficial end of summer is drawing near and Labor Day weekend is a bench mark for local businesses that depend on summer tourism. For the most part it was a positive summer for Maryland's tourism industry.

9/10 The Wegmans Supermarket chain has an important message if you own one of the store's reusable bags. The green tint in the bags may contain elevated levels of lead.

9/13 A woman is suing a Baltimore County apartment complex after she says it was infested with bed bugs.

9/15 In Consumer Watch, a warning for parents. Officials have issued a recall on two popular Chuck E Cheese toys.

9/16 Most of the Sparrows Point steel plant has been idle since summer and now employees learn that shutdown will be extended until December. There's great concern about what the future holds for workers and the plant.

9/17 One hundred and fifteen million dollars in federal stimulus money will improve broadband internet service across Maryland.

9/19 If you take public transportation in Baltimore, there are changes in store this week. The MTA will unveil the Charmcard, a new electronic payment system that users say will streamline their experience.

9/21 The Labor Department says that in August, Maryland's unemployment rate rose two-tenths of a percent, one of only a few states to see such a large increase.

9/22 If you commute to work in the Baltimore metro area this story may not surprise you. Baltimore's roads are ranked the 10th worst in the country according to a transportation research group.

9/23 Baltimore County gets nearly 5 million dollars from the government to help pay for last winter's blizzards.

9/24 You've seen the abandoned store fronts in downtown Baltimore. Tonight get ready for something new the Downtown Partnership has something in store to make your next visit more interesting.

9/26 Two years ago states surrounding the Chesapeake Bay vowed to clean it up. Now the Environmental Protection Agency says it's time to enforce the plan to do it. The move could have a big impact.

9/27 Maryland's largest airport could soon become an East Coast travel power player because of a major airline merger. Southwest Airlines is going to buy Airtran. Both airlines operate heavy schedules out of BWI Marshall.

9/28 Starting on October 1, it will be illegal to talk on a hand held phone while driving in Maryland.

9/29 Good news for the local economy. A major department store is opening 21 new stores, including one in Maryland.

9/30 Now that Maryland is officially in the slots business other gambling related issues are popping up. A new poll says most Marylanders would approve of table games.

ON TIME

July 11: Authors Ron and Lisa Beres tell Kai Jackson about their book, Just Green It!, where they tested eco-friendly products from household cleaners to air purifiers. They discuss how to determine if a product is really considered green vs. just a marketing gimmick. They explain what determines whether a product is truly green or not.

July 11: The Pimlico community is soon to have their own Farmers Market with fresh vegetables, fruit and the catch of the day fish. Organizer Tom Saunders tells Kai Jackson that this market to be held at the Pimlico Racetrack on Wednesdays from June to November will accept government assistance cards for payment. This area does not have access to fresh products making it a nutritional desert until now.

August 29: Jay Wolvovsky, the CEO of the Baltimore Medical Systems, talks with Kai Jackson about the health services of the new Highlandtown Healthy Living Center. He discusses how the new building used green technology in the design and construction of the building. Recycled building materials, rain garden and energy efficient roof are just some of the green elements used.

September 26: Kai Jackson talks with the director of the Fuel Fund of Maryland, Mary Ellen Vanni, about their new Watt Watchers program that aims to educate residents about energy saving tips. She discusses ways to cut back on utility bills by using CFL light bulbs, using low flow shower heads and sink faucets and changing air filters among other tips.

September 26: Robin McKinney and Shani Gibson tell Kai Jackson about the financial education classes that the Maryland Cash Academy provide free of charge at various locations in the Metro and Montgomery County areas. They discuss how important it is for everyone to improve their financial literacy – from basic banking options to checking credit reports.